




## COUNCILMEMBER CARL DEMaIO

FIFTH DISTRICT  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 11, 2009

TO: Eduardo Luna, City Auditor

FROM: Councilmember Carl DeMaio 

RE: Performance Audits and Government Effectiveness – Fire Prevention and Emergency Evacuation

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Over the last year, the increased use of performance audits to examine operating procedures of various city departments and affiliated agencies has resulted in the identification of areas for improved effectiveness and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

As part of my goal of subjecting at least half of the city's budget to performance audits over three years, I would like you to pursue a performance audit of the of the city's fire prevention and emergency evacuation services that includes, but is not limited to the Reverse 911 system, specifically evaluating progress since 2007.

As next month marks the 2-year anniversary of the 2007 wildfires, the importance of ensuring effective public safety through fire prevention cannot be understated. This anniversary serves as a useful benchmark, providing an opportunity to measure the progress that has occurred in providing effective public safety services related to fire prevention since the time of the fires.

I look forward to meeting with your office in the coming weeks to further refine this request as you develop your work plans.

CC: Audit Committee Members  
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst